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When you receive Jesus Christ, you pass from death to life. You're going to live forever and ever in the presence of God. And someday, God's going to remove all sin and He is going to wipe away every tear. And there's not going to be any more tears and no more sorrow and no more death and all the former things of your life will pass away. They won't bother you anymore. They won't haunt you anymore. They won't torment you anymore.

PART ONE

That evening when David walked out on the roof of his house and saw Bathsheba taking a bath and sent and inquired about her and found out that she was married. And yet he had her brought to the house and there he lie with her and there she conceived their child. That day, if David had only stopped and considered the consequences, if only he had remembered that God was God and that your sins will find you out, it could have saved David

and Bathsheba so much grief. And it could have saved lives as I've mentioned before. I want to take us back to 2 Samuel, chapter 11. And remember now, Uriah has come home from the battlefield. He's refused to go home, so he hasn't slept with Bathsheba, so there's no way that David can have this baby passed off as Uriah's baby. So now what is he going to do? He sends a letter to Joab, his commander. And he says, "When you go into battle, I want you to put Uriah right up next to the wall and then I want you to withdraw from him, so that he will be killed, so that he will die." And it says, "And he had written the letter saying this. It was Joab that kept watch on the city and that he put Uriah in the place where he knew there were valiant men. And the men of the city went out and fought against Joab and some of the people among David's servants fell and Uriah the Hittite also died." You know what's so sad here is David becomes a murderer. David willfully has a man put to death because he's trying to cover his sins. And when you cover your sins, you will not prosper. But not only does Uriah die, but valiant men die also. Why? Because David is a warrior of warriors. I mean David knows how to wage war. And David knows that you don't put your men up against a wall like that, because it leaves them so vulnerable. Now Joab has got to send the message back to David. Joab doesn't know that David has slept with Bathsheba, but he's probably figured it out in his mind because David all of a sudden wants Uriah, the Hittite dead. And I'm sure that they probably knew that Uriah the Hittite's wife, Bathsheba, who's very attractive. And it says, "Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war. And he charged the messenger saying, 'When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, 'Why did you go near the city to fight? Did you not know that they could shoot you from the wall? Who struck down Abimelech, the son of Jerubbeseth.'" I can't say it. All right. "Did not a woman throw an upper millstone from the walls so that he died at Thebez?' Why did you go near the wall?" He was anticipating how David

would handle this and what David would say. And how it would reflect back on Joab's poor military tactics. He says, "Then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah, the Hittite, is dead also.' So the messenger departed and came and reported to David all that Joab had to tell him. And the messenger said to David, 'The men prevailed against us and came out against us in the field but we pressed them as far as the entrance to the gate. Moreover the archers shot at your servants from the walls so that some of the king's servants are dead. And your servant Uriah, the Hittite is dead also.'" Now watch what David does. "Then David said to the messenger, 'Thus you shall say to Joab, don't let this thing displease you. For the sword devours one as well as the other. Make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it. And so encourage him.'" How awful! David's making it look like he is a commander in chief that understands. And just encourage Joab. I mean, this is war. The sword hits one man. The sword hits another man. What hypocrisy! Don't you know that as David put on that mask and that's what hypocrisy is. Hypocrisy means to wear a mask. As David put on that mask that still in the blackness of that mask that he looked through, he was seeing the blackness of his soul. Covering it up, still covering it up still covering it up, still thinking he's going to get away with it. And so many times people think, I can get away with it. And the Bible says, "Oh no, be ye sure, your sins shall find you out." As you make your list about how do you handle temptation, the sixth point that I want you get, and obviously the other points have gone before. So if you haven't been listening to this, you need to get this series. The sixth thing that I want you to see is before you sin: consider the costs. I want to take you to Lamentations, chapter 1. Now Lamentations is a lamenting that was written by Jeremiah the prophet is found at the end of the book of Jeremiah. And it was written by him after the fall of Jerusalem, after the Babylonians' siege. And in Lamentations, chapter 1, verse 8, it says this. "Jerusalem sinned greatly. Therefore she has become an unclean thing. All who honored her despise her because they have seen her nakedness.

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Even she herself groans and turns away.” Now he’s talking about Jerusalem because Jerusalem represents Israel. And Israel is the bride of God. It’s the wife of God. And so he says, Okay, the nations have seen her nakedness. In verse 9, it says, “Her uncleanness was in her skirts. She did not consider her future. Therefore she has fallen astonishingly.” David fell astonishingly because he did not consider his future. You will fall astonishingly if you go ahead and you move in with a significant other, you’re going to fall somewhere along the line. You’re going to damage a lot of things inside of you. You’re going to have an uncleanness in your life and it’s going to destroy that purity of heart. If you have that affair, if you rationalize it in your mind, if you excuse it, if you say, “I couldn’t help it. It was too much for me to bear.” Nothing is ever too much for you to bear because God wouldn’t let it happen if it was. God is sovereign and He filters everything that comes into your life through His fingers of love. And He says, “There’s no temptation or testing or trial that has taken you but such as is common to man.” God’s faithful. He will not permit you to be tried or tested or tempted above what you are able to bear it. He will always make His way of escape. Not yours, His way of escape is always righteous. Your way of escape is unrighteous. David tried to take his way of escape. He did not consider his future. Israel, in Lamentations, just the whole city has been demolished, desecrated. They have eaten their young because of the famine. They are left in the most horrible, horrible condition because they did not consider their future. Therefore they have fallen astonishingly. O, Beloved, do you know what this program is all about. It’s to teach you the Word of God. Because through His precepts you get understanding and you begin to hate every false way. The commandment is a light and it’s a path and it shows you this is the way and you are to walk in it. They’re precepts of life. And that’s why I’m here, to show you how to get into the Word of God, to get into the Word of God with you. To draw you, not to me, but to draw you to God and to the Word of God so that you know your God. And the Bible says, “The people

who know their God will be strong and they will do exploits. They will be able to stand firm. They will take action. David had slacked off in his walk with the Lord. He hadn't gone to war when he should have gone to war. He was sleeping late in the afternoon. He was living a life of ease when others were on the front lines and you and I can't do that. Now, 2 Samuel chapter 12, consider, number 6, consider the cost. Lamentations, chapter 1 verses 8 and 9, and just remember this that when you don't stop and consider the cost, you're going to find it far more costly than you ever expected. I said it last week and I'm going to say it again. "Sin will take you farther than you ever wanted go. It will cost you more than you ever intended to pay. It will cost you more. And it will keep you longer than you ever intended to stay. What's the seventh thing that I want you to remember? When you disobey God, it is evil in His sight. When you try to cover your sin, it is evil in His sight. And remember we saw it in Proverbs 28. That he that covers his sin shall not prosper. You will not prosper. So we come down and David sends this message back to Joab. In verse 26, and listen carefully. "Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband." Feel her pain. Feel her ache. The king summons her. The king takes her. The king gets her pregnant. The king has her husband put to death. Think of that. Stop and think. Go beyond your own lust. Think about the other person. Listen to 2 Thessalonians, chapter 1, verse 6. "For after all, it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you."

PART TWO

There is relief. Because you see, this life is not all there is to it. When you receive Jesus Christ, you pass from death to life. You're going to live forever and ever in the presence of God. You're going to live forever and ever in the New Jerusalem. And someday, God's going to remove all sin and He's going to take you and He is going to wipe away every tear. And there's not going to be any more tears and no more sorrow and no more death and

all the former things of your life will pass away. They won't bother you any more. They won't haunt you any more. They won't torment you anymore. But God will torment forever and ever and ever, those who tormented you. He says, "...to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus Christ will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ..." And listen, "...And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction." They won't burn up. They won't go away. They will always be in destruction, "...away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power when He comes to be glorified in His saints..." to be glorified in you, Precious One, "...on that day, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed." There is a day of retribution coming. There is a day when God's going to take what's wrong and make it right. There's a day when God is going to vindicate you. There's a day when every knee is going to bow and every tongue is going to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, that He is God to the glory of the Father. And those that bow and confess that after He comes, when they stand at the Great White Throne Judgment will still go into eternal fire, where the worm dies not and the fire is not quenched. But you will be vindicated if you receive Jesus Christ. And just know this, that He says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." He will comfort you, Precious One. Well, let's go back to 2 Samuel, chapter 11, in verse 26, it says, "Now when the wife of Uriah had heard that Uriah, her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. When the time of mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife. Now she bore him a son, but "The thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord." But doesn't it look like David, like the saying goes, got his cake and got to eat it too? I mean, nobody knows. Well Joab has figured it out. But Joab's loyal. Joab is under the king's authority. The king holds life and death in his hands. So it looks like it's all over. But you want to put this down. This is number

seven: When you're tempted to sin, remember, it is evil in the sight of the Lord. Number eight: your sins will find you out. That's Numbers 32:23. "Be ye sure your sins will find you out." You can't get away with it. David couldn't get away with it. Even as the king, he couldn't get away with it. Chapter 12, verse 1. "Then the Lord sent Nathan to David and he came to him and said there were two men in one city, one rich the other poor." And then he tells how the poor man had only one little ewe lamb and he loved that lamb and that lamb was a pet and he had the lamb in the house and he would feed the lamb his bread and he would let the lamb drink out of his cup and he would take that lamb and he'd put that lamb in his bosom and he'd caress that lamb. It was his pet. It was the only lamb he had. And then he tells about a rich man, and how he has all these sheep. And then he tells how a man came and asked for a lamb and so the rich man instead of giving him one of his many sheep went and got the one ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and took that lamb and killed that lamb and prepared it as dinner for the man that had come to visit him. "Then David's anger burned greatly against the man and he said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, surely that man deserves to die and he must make restitution for that lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and he had no compassion.' And Nathan turns around and he says, 'David, you're the man.'" David understood. His sins had found him out. He says, "David you are the man and thus says the Lord God of Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel. It is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul. I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care. I gave you the house of Israel and the house of Judah and if that had been too little, I would have added many more things to these. You've missed it. Because you thought you could cover your sins. Because you thought you could get away with it, because you didn't come to me when you sinned. David, your sins have found you out.'" He says, "Why have you despised the Word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight?" David knew he was not to commit adultery. He despised the Word of

the Lord and then he says, “You have struck down Uriah, the Hittite with your sword and have taken his life. You not only committed adultery, but you committed murder.” He says, “Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house because you have despised Me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.” David despised the Word of the Lord and David despised the Lord. And if you move in with a significant other, if you commit adultery, if you are immoral, if you have sex outside of marriage, you have despised the Word of the Lord and you have despised God. And you know what? Restitution is required for sin. So number nine, write it down. When you’re tempted, remember this, restitution is required for sin. You can go to Leviticus, chapter 6, verses 1 through 5 and you can see where he talks about restitution. You can go to Exodus, chapter 22, where he talks about restitution. When you do something wrong you are to make it as right as possible as you can. If you steal something, you don’t only ask God to forgive you, but you repay what you stole and you add a fifth to it, as Leviticus says. The next thing that you need to remember is this, that you will miss some of God’s blessings. You will miss some of God’s blessings. It’s inevitable. And you might as well face it now. I would like to tell you, no, everything will be just as if you never sinned. No it won’t. You’re going to miss some of God’s blessings. And then you need to remember this. You need to remember that when you do what’s evil in the sight of God, you are despising God and you are despising the Word of God. And finally you need to remember this, and this is what Nathan tells David, he says, “By this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme His name.” When you yield to temptation and you profess to know Jesus Christ, you do the same thing.